

MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Tuesday, October 9, 2007

9:00 a.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

Chair Meisner called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (19/19)

MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED: None (0/19)

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the minutes from the meeting held on September 11, 2007. Hearing no objection, the motion prevailed with unanimous consent.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4053, 4317 and 4680** before the committee.

HB 4050	Miller	Trade; consumer goods and services; gift certificates and gift cards; regulate and require disclosures.
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HB 4317	Meadows	Trade; consumer goods and services; issuance of gift certificates and gift cards; prohibit expiration and certain fees.
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HB 4680	Sak	Trade; consumer goods and services; gift certificates; prohibit fees and expiration dates.
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Representative Miller explained the intent of **House Bill 4050**.

Representative Meadows explained the intent of **House Bill 4317**.

Representative Sak explained the intent of **House Bill 4680**. He also submitted written material.

Eric Carter, representing Store Financial, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions. He also submitted written testimony.

Mary Dechow, representing Spartan Stores, Inc., testified in **support** of the bills, with amendments, and answered questions. She also submitted written material.

John Knowles, representing Representative Green, wished to testify in **support** of the bills, but did not due to time constraints.

Phil Guyeskey, representing the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, wished to testify in **opposition** to the bills, but did not due to time constraints. He also submitted written material.

Matt Groen, representing the Michigan Restaurant Association, wished to testify in **opposition** to the bills, but did not due to time constraints.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Bill Knox, representing AARP; and

Stephanie Wuttke, representing the Michigan Advocacy Project.

Joelle Demand, representing the Michigan Bankers Association, submitted a testimony card in support of a proposed **Substitute (H-2)** to **House Bill 4050**, but did not wish to speak.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Eric Rule, representing the Michigan Retailers Association; and

Jack Schick, representing the Michigan Association of Theatre Owners.

Denise Pearl, representing the Associated Food and Petroleum Dealers, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to **House Bill 4050**, but did not wish to speak. She also submitted written testimony.

The **Chair** laid **House Bills 4770, 4771** and **4772** before the committee.

HB 4770	Huizenga	Construction; code; issuance of certain permits to certain persons; clarify as to interior designers.
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HB 4771	Meisner	Occupations; licensing fees; licensure of interior designers; provide for.
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HB 4772	Meisner	Occupations; interior design; licensure of interior designers; provide for, and clarify certain services provided.
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Chair Meisner explained the intent of the bills, and proposed substitutes to **House Bills 4771** and **4772**.

Scott Breslin, representing the National Kitchen and Bath Association, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions. He also submitted written material.

Bill McKay, representing the Michigan Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions. He also submitted written testimony.

Laura Carlson, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Katherine Brummel, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration, testified in **support** of the bills and answered questions.

Erica Donnell, representing herself, testified in **support** of the bills.

Sarah Musson, representing herself, testified in **support** of the bills.

David Vanderklok, representing Studio Intrigue Architects, testified in **opposition** to the bills and answered questions.

Carolyn Dwyer, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills and wished to speak, but was not present when called to testify.

Leonard Else, representing Leonard Else Design Associates, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills and wished to speak, but did not due to time constraints.

Thomas Hoff, representing himself, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills and wished to speak, but did not due to time constraints.

Lynn Briggs, representing Contractors Legislative Services, submitted a testimony card in **support** of **House Bill 4770**, with amendment, and wished to speak, but did not due to time constraints.

Stephen Smith, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan, submitted a testimony card in **opposition** to the bills and wished to speak, but did not due to time constraints.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak:

Tiffany Kennon, representing herself;

Michael Carlson, representing Carlson Glass;

Lyndee Killion, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Stephanie Nykerk, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Margaret Trimble, representing Trimble Associates;

Arlena Hines, representing Lansing Community College;

Christine Babini, representing herself;

Lisa Hildorf, representing herself;

Gail Patton, representing Gail Patton's Designs, Inc.;

Kristen Schlaff, representing herself;

Colleen McDonough, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration;

Sarah Hendricks, representing Trimble Associates;

Harrell Scarcello, representing Scarcello Associates;

Charlie Borg, representing Trimble Associates;

Barbara Marini, representing herself;

Michelle Belt, representing the Coalition for Interior Design Registration; and

Patricia Rowen, representing Rowen Design.

The following people submitted testimony cards in **opposition** to the bills, but did not wish to speak:

A representative of Associated General Contractors;

Roger Donaldson, representing himself;

Adam Fercho, representing himself;

Matt Guzinski, representing himself;

Ylli Bodinaky, representing himself;

Darren McKenna, representing himself;

Judy Ford, representing herself;

Elizabeth Weaver, representing herself;

Erin Russell, representing herself;

Kenneth Jones II, representing himself;

Ron Brenke, representing the American Council of Engineering Companies;

Joseph Miller, representing Hobbs and Black Architects;

Salvatore Moschelli, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan; and

David Peake, representing the American Institute of Architects – Michigan.

Written material in **opposition** was submitted by **Melissa Yutzey**, representing Kelley Cawthorne.

Written material in **support** was submitted by the following:

Linda Welch, representing the Michigan Chapter of the National Kitchen and Bath Association;

Sandra Bargeil, representing Bay Cabinetry; and

The **Coalition for Interior Design Registration**.

Representative Huizenga moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4771**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Meltzer (12/19)

NAYS: Reps. Clemente, Johnson, Knollenberg (3/19)

PASS: Reps. Byrum, Dean, Rick Jones (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt the following amendment to **House Bill 4771 (H-1)**:

1. Amend page 1, line 7, after “House Bill No.” by striking out “4227” and inserting “4772”.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Meltzer (14/19)

NAYS: Reps. Johnson, Knollenberg (2/19)

PASS: Reps. Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente (3/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to adopt **Substitute (H-1)** to **House Bill 4772**:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Meltzer (13/19)

NAYS: Reps. Byrum, Clemente, Johnson, Knollenberg (4/19)

PASS: Reps. Accavitti, Rick Jones (2/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 4770** with recommendation:

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Meltzer (13/19)

NAYS: Reps. Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Johnson, Knollenberg (5/19)

PASS: Rep. Rick Jones (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 4771**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-2)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Meltzer (13/19)

NAYS: Reps. Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Johnson, Knollenberg (5/19)

PASS: Rep. Rick Jones (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 4772**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Meltzer (13/19)

NAYS: Reps. Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Johnson, Knollenberg (5/19)

PASS: Rep. Rick Jones (1/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **House Bill 4443** before the committee.

HB 4443	Miller	State financing and management; funds; employers who receive state funds; prohibit if employer engages in activities that discourage unionization.
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Written material in opposition was submitted by **Charlie Owens**, representing the National Federal of Independent Business – Michigan, and **Chris Fisher**, representing the Associated Builders and Contractors of Michigan.

Representative Robert Jones moved to report **House Bill 4443**, with recommendation that the bill be referred to the Committee on Labor.

FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:

YEAS: Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Byrum, Dean, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Stakoe, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (15/19)

NAYS: None (0/19)

PASS: None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **10:40 a.m.**

Representative Andy Meisner, Chair

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk
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